

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (original): A structural support system for a conservatory structure, the structural support system comprising a first beam, a second beam attached to the first beam by an end thereof and an end plate at least partly closing the end of the second beam, with fixing means securing the first beam to the second beam through the end plate thereby to clamp the first beam to the second beam.

Claim 2 (original): A structural support system according to claim 1, in which the end plate comprises means for holding at least one bolt head captive on the interior thereof.

Claim 3 (original): A structural support system according to claim 2, in which the means for holding the at least one bolt head captive comprises a slot for receiving a bolt head.

Claim 4 (currently amended): A structural support system according to ~~any~~ preceding claim 1, in which the end plate comprises means for retaining at least one bolt in a hole through the end plate.

Claim 5 (currently amended): A structural support system according to ~~any~~ preceding claim 1, in which the means for retaining at least one bolt comprises a holding plate in a slot in the end plate.

Claim 6 (currently amended): A structural support system according to ~~any~~ preceding claim 1, in which the end plate is of generally U-shaped cross section.

Claim 7 (currently amended): A structural support system according to ~~any~~ preceding claim 1, in which the end plate has an end, a first limb depending therefrom and a second limb depending therefrom.

Claim 8 (original): A structural support system according to claim 7, in which the first and second limbs are substantially parallel.

Claim 9 (currently amended): A structural support system according to ~~any~~ preceding claim 1, in which the end plate lies substantially within the second beam.

Claim 10 (currently amended): A structural support system according to ~~any~~ preceding claim 1, in which the end plate is dimensioned to be a sliding fit in a structural support beam.

Claim 11 (currently amended): A structural support system according to ~~any~~ preceding claim 1, in which an end of the second beam is attached to a side of the first beam.

Claim 12 (currently amended): A structural support system according to claim 1-10,
in which an end of the second beam is attached to an end of the first beam.

Claim 13 (currently amended): A structural support system according to ~~any~~
~~preceding~~ claim 1, in which the end of the second beam is mitred to fit to the first beam
at a desired angle.

Claim 14 (currently amended): A structural support system according to ~~any~~
~~preceding~~ claim 1, in which the first beam is a column beam and the second beam is a
rafter beam.

Claim 15 (canceled)

Claim 16 (original): A method of assembly of at least part of a structural support system, the method comprising the steps of providing a first beam, providing an end plate at the end of a second beam at least partly closing the end of the second plate and securing the first and second beams together via the end plate thereby to clamp the first beam to the second beam.

Claim 17 (canceled)

Claim 18 (currently amended): A method of assembly according to claim 16 ~~or claim 17~~, in which a conservatory element is applied to the structural support system.